

Minutes of the meeting held on 17th April 2014 at Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi to discuss on the issues pertaining to CLCuD in Cotton.

A meeting was held on 17th April 2014 at Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi to discuss on the issues pertaining to CLCuD in Cotton. Officers of DAC, Scientists of ICAR institutions / SAUs and representatives of State Departments of Agriculture & NASI attended the meeting. The list of participants is enclosed.

The issues related to post monitoring of seed sale, record keeping by seed companies / State Government, share of each the variety (area wise) and event based approval were discussed in details. The Secretary (A&C) confirm about the process of the evaluation by CICR, Nagpur. He also requested State Governments to remain pro active to tackle the CLCuD incidence in North Zone and also emphasized to understand the concept of refugia and its right manner of implementation.

On the basis of the discussion held in the meeting and with consent of all, the following decisions has be taken to minimize CLCuD incidence in North zone.

- Varieties / Hybrids categorized as 'Highly Susceptible' to CLCuD in the list, should not be permitted for cultivation during 2014 in Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan (Sriganganager/ Hanumangarh).
- Crop damage / yield loss due to CLCuD attack for the already sold hybrids, if any, should be compensated by the respective seed company,
- During 2014-15 Kharif season, all entries of varieties / hybrids should be tested for susceptibility to CLCuD in AICCIP coordinated field trials in Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan NSAI shall ensure that the member companies to submit the seeds of their hybrids approved by GEAC for testing.
- All new hybrids developed by the companies should be considered for release after they have been found fit by ICAR. GEAC will be required to considered release of only such hybrids in future which have been cleared by ICAR for release.

- An 'AICCIP-Consortium Team' comprising of two members from NSAI, one representative each from CICR, SAU of the state involved and from the State Department of Agriculture will ensure that field trials are held in time and smoothly. .
- Plant protection division of MOA may also conduct surveys of CLCuD incidence in North Zone on regular basis and shared the information with all stakeholders.
- The State Department of Agriculture may be advised to educate the farmers to grow the Desi cotton species *Gossypium arboreum* varieties of cotton along the international border of North Zone wherever possible, to create a CLCuV Buffer Zone as per the recommendations of the 'Anupam Verma Committee report'.

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